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## Philcon News

14 May (CNS) A clarification has come in from Milton A. Rothman, Director of the Philcon Society, as to the Big Pond Fund, which is trying to raise enough money to bring British fan and prozine editor, Ted Carnell to the Fifth World Science Fiction Convention (The Philcon) to be held in Philadelphia this Fall.

Mr. Rothman states that the chances of Ted Carnell arriving at the Philcon are mighty slim due to lack of cash and other troubles. Carnell is still trying to make it and the Big Pond Fund is still on. Mr. Rothman again states that IF Ted Carnell can't make it this year, the money of the Big Pond Fund will be kept as the Big Pond Fund for next year, at which time Carnell or another British fan will again try to get here.

The raffle; everyone contributing a \$1.00 or more to the Big Pond Fund gets a chance to win an excellent prize such as a copy of The Fox Woman by Morrith and that gorgeous illustration from The Star Rover which appeared in Famous Fantastic Mysteries; is still going to be held at the Philcon. Fantasy fans who want to contribute money to the Big Pond Fund should contact Forrest J. Ackerman, Box 6151, Metro Station, Los Angeles 55, Calif.

By (NNS) we hear that the Big Pond Fund now has \$53.00.

From L. Jerome Stanton, Associate Editor of Astounding, we learn that Astounding will contribute original covers and inside illustrations to the Philcon Auction. He further states th-

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## LATEST INFO ON UNKNOWN

We here at Fantasy-Times have been bombarded by numerous questions about Unknown and when it will be revived. To stifle once and for all the rumors, that have been floating around concerning this touchy matter, we shall now give you the latest dope straight from the horses mouth, to wit, L. Jerome Stanton, Associate Editor of Astounding SCIENCE FICTION.

The paper situation is still tight and the front office at Street and Smith shows no indication of allotting any paper towards the revival of Unknown. The most that can be said is that the front office has issued a definite "maybe". As for any rumors about a definite date of issue, no one at S & S has set one.

So all you rumor mongers can go back to mongering remembering that your rumors have been officially scotched.

## May 11 Meeting of PSFS

The featured speaker at the May 11 meeting of the PSFS was Helen Cloukey, who spoke on Mutations. She attempted to show that mutations would not be as prevalent after an atomic war as stf authors assumed, mainly because of the fact that those who might bear mutants would either be dead or sterile.

A new constitution was adopted which is simple and concise.

The May 25th meeting will feature a talk by Milton A. Rothman on interplanetary travel, and the following meeting is expected to feature a talk by David H. Keller

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## The Cosmic Reporter

edited by Lane Stannard

The Astounding part of Astounding SCIENCE FICTION will be dropped sometime late this summer though no definite date has as yet been set.

The first issue of a British reprint of Fantastic Adventures will appear in a few weeks. Also the Fearn serial from Amazing Stories, Liners of Time has been reprinted in book form in England.

-D Kishi

Forever is too Long by Chester S. Geier, which appeared in the March issue of Fantastic Adventures is now being considered for pocket-book publication.

(NNS) Robert Bloch hints: Watch out for Weird Tales 25th Anniversary issue of March 1948.

(NNS) The next Burroughs novel will be Tarzan and the Foreign Legion.

-Ackerman

The two pager science-fiction feature, Just Imagine, of Real Fact Comics, returns to that magazine in the current #9 issue. This time it is about, If The Moon Fell. It is well illustrated by a Finlay-like artist. Also in the same issue a two page cartoon like story, The Lost Secret, about Orffyreus and his secret of perpetual motion.

Classics Illustrated, who in their 34th issue published in picture form the fantasy, Mysterious Island, has a two page article in their current No. 35 issue titled That Others Might Live. Its about the death of a scientist in the Los Alamos Atomic Laboratory.

Fans who read Otto Binder's story in the current issue of Startling Stories will be interested in knowing that Otto Binder has had numerous two page sf stories in comic magazines like, Captain Marvel, Mary Marvel, etc. Many of the Marvel comics are written by Otto.

-ls

## 2nd British Fantasy Rev.

by David Kishi

The second issue of Fantasy Review contains an excellent condensation of the Introduction and Preface to The Best Of Science Fiction edited by Groff Conklin, giving the arguments for and against the question, Can Science Fiction Prophesy? Editor John-Campbell on the affirmative, leads off with It Does, while Groff Conklin starts off at a tangent and ends with an emphatic It Shouldn't.

Editor Gillings' column Fantasia is a bright spot in this magazine. Altho many news-sheets have chances to out-scoop the Review, this column is still actively informative and isn't too repetitious of commonly known information. Also in this issue is an interview with author Arthur C. Clarke, whose story Technical Error won wide acclaim in the first issue of Fantasy, England's latest sf magazine; book reviews of Van Vogt's Slan, Puzzle Box, The Murder of the USA, and other recent publications; and among the regular columns, Nigel Lindsay's Among the Magazines, and Rosenblum's About Books; as well as news items, advertisements and announcements.

-dk

((Editorial note: Copies of the British Fantasy Review, nos. 1 & 2, may be obtained from David Kishi, 171 West End Ave., New York 23, New York, at 25¢ each.))

### STURGEON IN BRITISH ARGOSY

As a follow-up to the story that appeared in Fantasy-Times for April 6th (Vol. 2, No. 14) about Theodore Sturgeon's prize winning story Bianca's Hands, it has appeared in the May 1947 issue of British Argosy. Sturgeon copped the \$1,000 prize in a contest primarily for English authors.

-ljs



## FORGOTTEN Mysteries

--a review by A. Langley Searles

R. Dewart Miller, well-known Astounding author of a few years back, has hit the hard covers with Forgotten Mysteries (Chicago: Cloud Publishers, \$2.50), a book of Fortean happenings culled from his files. Some of these were previously published in his column of the same name in Coronet magazine, a feature which set records in reader-response. The book is divided into such chapters as "Damned Ships", "Forgotten Experiments", "Enigmas out of Space" and the like, and contains much fascinating reading. It struck me as being an improvement on Charles Fort's books, primarily because its press style is more direct and readable, and because Miller has no personal axe to grind----the facts are presented as he has learned them and personal speculation is kept down to a minimum. -als

STARTING IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF  
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### "THE V-MAIL INTERVIEWS !!"

A three part article written by Ray Van Houten and based on "V-Mail" questions sent to the pro-editors from Le Havre, France by Sgts. Ray Van Houten & James V. Taurasi in October 1945, when they were co-editors of the Continental Edition of Fantasy-Times. Read Part I next week.

"MOON ROCKET IN 5 YRS"---HEINLEIN

(NNS) Robert Heinlein "makes" the May 3rd Saturday Evening Post, not with a science-fiction yarn, but with an item in the "Keeping-Posted" department which expresses his beliefs as to when space-ships will actually take off for

## On The Newsstand

reviewed by Lane Stannard

FANTASY, The Magazine of Science-Fiction, No. 2, April 1947. This is England's leading sf magazine published three times a year and edited by Walter Gillings. Fiction, articles and departments go a long way to make this a well-balanced fantasy magazine. We pick Relic by Eric Frank Russell as the best story in the issue. We place the inside illustrations way up there, but were greatly disappointed in the cover. The magazine is in a size similar to Reader's Digest and has almost slick paper. It compares well with the pre-war Tales Of Wonder.

STARTLING STORIES, July 1947. An excellent Bergey painting covers this issue and illustrates a top-notch short novel, The Kingdom of the Blind by George O. Smith. Top honor for the fiction tho, goes to the reprint The Life Detour by Dr. David H. Keller. Binder, Kuttner and Hamilton go far with their short stories to bring enjoyable reading. Lawrence does a super-super job of illustrating the Smith novel. Readers' column is above average. Glad to see the Philcon editorial, it helps. Can't see where Fantasy-Times features feuds, as stated in your Fan Mag Review, Mr. Editor. -ls

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→ the moon. In Five years, Heinlein predicts, the moon will welcome unmanned Earth rockets; in ten years, manned rockets. In fifteen years, the first permanent lunar base will be established. After that Heinlein asserts, anything can happen. -Tom Jewett



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"A Cosmic Publication"

EDITORIAL

CONVENTIONS AND HARD CASH  
by James V. Taurasi  
editor of Fantasy-Times

We are glad to see the change made in The Big Pond Fund as to what to do if Ted Carnell doesn't come to the proposed 5th World Science Fiction Convention this Fall.

The idea of giving the money to the 1948 Convention, if Carnell doesn't come is a step forward in the policies of STF Fandom. True this money should be given to the next convention with the understanding that it is for The Big Pond Fund of 1948 only, and not for the general convention fund, BUT, there should be no strings attached such as the 1948 convention must retain Ackerman as Big Pond Fund chairman in order to get the money, or agreements in that line. Let the 1948 convention choose its own men and fix its own policies. If they want any person from the present convention committee to represent the 1948 convention it should be of their own choosing, and not dictated by anyone else.

In future conventions it would not be a bad idea to carry on the ideals of Democracy and let the members of the Convention Society vote for any and all convention officers, or at least have a ch-

ance to vote approval or not of these officers. Fandom is supposed to have grown up, remember?

This editorial is not to be taken as being against the present Philcon Society Officers or members. Fantasy-Times is backing the Philcon 100% and is in full accord with what they are doing. We are just printing this as our suggestions for bigger, better run and more enjoyable convention in the future.

As a final word let's not forget its New York in World Convention in 1949, the 10th Anniversary of the 1st World sf Convention.

PHILCON NEWS

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at John W. Campbell isn't sure whether he'll be able to be at the Philcon or not, but hopes he'll be able to make it.

Mary Gnaedinger writes, "I can't say about attending the convention, but if possible, yes, we'll get there." She also states that she'll contribute original illustrations from her magazine, Famous Fantastic Mysteries, to the convention auction.

Palmer will not contribute original illustrations for the convention auction, as all Amazing-Fantastic originals are going to England for publication there. He will not attend the convention nor will anyone else from his office.

The Philcon will be held on August 30, 31 and Sept. 1. Any fan who wants to help the Convention should send \$1.00 and become a member of The Philcon Society. Send the \$1.00 to Milton A. Rothman, 211s N. Franklin St., Philadelphia 22, Penna.

May 11 MEETING OF THE ESFS  
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tion Society has voted to remove all copies of Amazing Stories from the bookcases in the clubroom.